

This Week's Worship: Wheat Seeds

Opening

Wherever we come together,

God is with us.

God is here.

We come together to say sorry

We come together to say Thank you

We come together to ask for God's help

We come together to hear God's story

We come together to celebrate God's love.

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Saying Sorry

Hold onto a stone and think about things that you have done this week you would like to say sorry for.

God loves us and forgives us when we are sorry for wrong things we have done.

For times this week when we have made others sad.

We are sorry.

For times this week when we have not helped others

We are sorry.

For times this week when we have not looked after your creation,

We are sorry

For times this week when we have been selfish

We are sorry

Put the stone in a bowl of water

As we leave these things behind, may God forgive us and give us a new, clean start today.

Amen

Saying thank you

To join in you will need: some slips of paper, some pens and an empty jam jar (you can join in without this for the first few weeks but can then join in when you have had the time to put some things in the jar!)

Ask each person to draw or write down on one of the slips something they would like to say thank you for and put it in the jar. As we pray, pull a slip out of the jar and say thank you for what is written on it.

Continue to fill the jar during the week.

God, you are amazing and you have given us good things. We thank you for all your gifts to us.

Thank you for...

Amen

Thank you for...

Amen

Thank you for...
Amen

Continue until everyone has had a chance to say something.

Story and response

Listen to this week's story or read a story from the Bible. This week's story is from John 12

I wonder which part of this story you liked the most?

I wonder what surprised you about this story?

I wonder what this story makes you feel?

I wonder where you are in this story?

Do you wonder anything about this story?

Prayers

You will need: A piece of bread

In our story today, Jesus talks about what happens when a wheat seed is planted in the ground. When one seed is planted it can lead to so many more seeds growing from the new plant it makes. It looks like the seed is dying, but actually it's giving new life. We know now that he is talking about what will happen when he dies. Jesus dying on the cross will lead to hope and new life for everyone. Jesus is talking about sacrifice, which means giving up something that is precious to you so that you can help someone else. Have you ever made a sacrifice of something valuable to you so that you could help someone? Maybe you spent time talking to someone who was lonely instead of doing something else you enjoyed. Maybe you gave someone some sweets that you were looking forward to eating yourself, because they had none themselves. Has anyone ever sacrificed something for you? Take a piece of bread. Think about the many seeds that were planted to grow the wheat to make the bread. Think of people who care for us and make sacrifices so that they can help us- maybe by spending their money on us, giving us things or spending time with us. Thank God for those people.

God, thank you for the people you give to us who take care of us and love us. Thank you for all of those people who have sacrificed something valuable to them so that they can help to make our lives better. Show us how we can help others as they have helped us. Help us to be people who bring hope and life to those around us. Amen

Close

Wherever we come together,

God is with us.

God is here.

May God bless us.

May we know that we are loved

May we know that we are cared for.

May we know God's hope.

God is with us

God is here

Amen.

Extinguish the candle.